

## JOHNSON IS ACQUITTED.

## THE END OF THE NORFOLK COUNTY PRIZE-FIGHTING CASE.

## Sporting Men Happy—The Democrats Rejoicing Over the Passage of the Primary Election Bill.

NORFOLK, VA., March 2.—Special.—The argument in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Charles Johnson, of St. Paul, Minn., charged with prize fighting, consumed all of the morning session of Norfolk County Court, and was very able.

The jury took the case and after being out about an hour returned a verdict of not guilty. The sporting men here are very happy. It is now generally agreed that the trial was a success, with other contests and prize exhibitions of a like character will be entered in the other cases.

The police today arrested J. B. Crawley, who, in 1888, in Norfolk County, N. C., killed John Harris, a colored man, who he struck with a stick in self-defense and that he will return to North Carolina without a request from the Governor of North Carolina offered \$50 for his arrest.

## Happy Democrats.

There is great rejoicing here over the passage of the bill legalizing primary elections. This bill was prepared by those demanding fairness in elections and submitted to a mass meeting of the Democrats of the city.

All joined in the request to the Legislature to pass the bill which will, at a low estimate, save the city more than a thousand votes this spring. The party is now in the best possible shape, ready to meet any combination that can be brought against it.

For the first time in months the City Democratic Executive Committee feel that the party is safe. To secure this bill has been the work of the past six months. The plans were laid months ago, and the credit in the victory is due to the newspapers, which daily and nightly affirmed the success of their party. The attack had its effect, and the supremacy of the party is now assured.

## New Marshal Hurdless.

Captain Hurdless, of Caroline, has qualified as United States marshal for the Eastern district of Virginia. He has not yet appointed his deputies.

The Fitz Lee Democratic Club will have their banquet next Wednesday night. Prominent local speakers will be present and will respond to four toasts. Dr. Henry G. Deane, of 60 Roanoke avenue, has made an assignment to H. C. Davis, Jr., trustee, liabilities, \$800. He was a dealer in fancy groceries.

Evangelical James E. Schofield, of Louisville, has been elected to the N. K. K. D. E. church. There were about one hundred conversions; \$3,000 was raised by the congregation for the church debt. Mr. Schofield will go to Richmond tomorrow to deliver a series of meetings at Trinity church.

## WAS RETURNED TO DEATH.

Mr. Pedneer, of Sussex, loses his life.

PETERSBURG, VA., March 2.—Special.—This dwelling house of Mr. F. L. Pedneer, Sr., about one mile from Janant's depot, in Sussex county, was destroyed by fire last night. Mr. Pedneer was in the habit of reading at night by a lamp before retiring, and it is thought that he fell asleep with the lamp burning and it exploded and set fire to the house. The cause of the fire was caused by hot coals from the stove falling upon the floor. Mr. Pedneer, who was the only occupant of the house, was burned to death. The deceased was about seventy years of age, and came to Virginia from Sussex county, N. C., in 1860. He had been in feeble health for some time. Deceased at one time carried on a large saw mill business in Sussex county. He is believed to have been a distance from the residence of his son-in-law.

## Negotiating for Land.

Mr. C. D. Tinsley, of this city, has been negotiating for some days with Mr. P. D. Thorne, of New York, for the sale of a large tract of land in Prince George county, Mr. Thorne only a short distance from Richmond, and it is said, represents large capitalists in Europe, who wish to purchase seventy-five thousand acres of land for colonization purposes. Mr. Tinsley is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Thorne, stating that the Virginia Brick and Stone Company, who has been organized there and had become the purchasers of the Ehrman tract in Prince George county, in the neighborhood of Point Comfort. The price paid for the property was \$100,000.

## Base-Ball Association.

The directors of the Petersburg Base-Ball Association held a meeting last night at the office of Mr. W. R. McKinnon, the president, when it was decided to join the league, which is composed of clubs of Richmond, Manchester, Norfolk and Petersburg. The proposition to join the league headed by Mr. T. P. Sullivan was declined.

Mr. Joseph H. Sands, vice-president and general manager of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, arrived here this afternoon on a special car from Washington, en route to Roanoke. Mr. Sands was accompanied by his wife and family.

The revival services which have been going on at the different churches in Petersburg for the past nine weeks will be continued next week. Up to this time there have been in the neighborhood of four hundred conversions.

Rumor has it that two of Petersburg's most prominent business men are shortly to be married. The prospective brides are residents of this place.

## NO DECISION YET.

Judge Whittle has Not Yet Rendered Judgment in the Local-Option Case.

ROANOKE, VA., March 2.—Special.—C. C. Martin, of Bedford county, who was put under bonds not long since for his appearance before the United States Court, to answer the charge of having unlawfully kept liquor in his possession, was brought here again this morning, and sent to the grand jury for rendition of a verdict in the discharge of his duty. Martin's brother is under bond to appear to answer the same charges.

Judge Whittle left this morning without rendering a decision in the local-option election case, and it is probable that he will ask Judge Dupuy to call a special term for this purpose, and again, he may wait until the April term, which begins the second Monday.

Mountain Dale Lodge is arranging to celebrate on a magnificent scale on April 26th, the 75th anniversary of Odd-Fellowship. All the lodges of this city and surrounding country will be invited to participate.

Mrs. William Williams made a fearful mistake in giving her little child what she thought was castor oil last night. It did this morning for the effects of the poison, which proved to be carbolic acid and glycerine. She is very much prostrated, and her husband, who was injured on the railroad not long ago, has been having spasms all day and may die.

Capt. William A. Andrews, a prominent citizen of Franklin county, is very ill at his home in Rocky Mount.

## Farmville Gleanings.

FARMVILLE, VA., March 2.—Special.—The remains of Henry W. Deary, late of this county, accompanied by brothers of the deceased, Judge J. A. Dupuy, Hon. W. P. Dupuy, and C. C. Taliaferro, yesterday arrived on the 315 train yesterday morning from Lynchburg, and

were buried in the family burying-ground at Hampden station. Mr. Deary was taken to Florida for his health, and was on his way to his brothers at Roanoke, and died in Lynchburg.

Thomas Henry Glenn, a merchant at Prospect, shipped nine hundred dozen of eggs by express to Norfolk one day this week.

Farmville contemplates having water-works—a thing much needed in a town where there is so much danger of fire.

## END OF THE PRIZE-FIGHT FIASCO.

The Remaining Cases Nolle Prosequed on Motion of the State.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., March 2.—The last act in the Corbett-Mitchell trial came to a close in the Criminal Court of Record this morning, when the remaining cases were nolle prosequed by the Solicitor General. At 9 o'clock and immediately Solicitor Christie made a motion to nolle prosequi the cases against Charlie Mitchell and the members of the Duval Athletic Club. The Court granted the motion.

Only a few of the men interested in the case were present. Billy Thompson and Charlie Mitchell were not present, but came along a little later, and were met at the Court by a large number of spectators, and when apprised of the action of the Court, turned and went down town.

Mitchell left for St. Augustine this afternoon, where he will remain for an indefinite period. He says he has nothing to do, and he might as well stop in Florida as anywhere else.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Results at Madison and Entries at East St. Louis—At New Orleans.

MADISON, ILL., March 2.—Weather clear and track good. Irene H., second choice at 4 to 1, won the opening event handsily by one length. Adjojam, 2 to 1 favorite, was successful by one length in the second race. Summaries:

First race—selling, five furlongs—Irene H. first, King Farm second, Frank Ellis third. Time, 1:10.25.

Second race—selling, five and a half furlongs—Adjojam first, Col. S. second, Silas third. Time, 1:17.4.

Third race—selling, five furlongs—Bud Brooks first, Ben Lee second, Fannie D. third. Time, 1:10.9.

Fourth race—selling, five and a half furlongs—Pleasantly first, Brahma second, Adjuster third. Time, 1:16.4.

Fifth race—selling, six furlongs—Jim Head first, Grass Widow second, Tom High third. Time, 1:20.2.

Sixth race—selling, one mile—J. B. Fred first, Oliver Twist second, Pioneer third. Time, 1:56.

Entries at East St. Louis, Ill., for To-Day.

First race—three-quarters of a mile—Pauline, 104; Manola, 104; Miss L., 104; George, 104; P. 104; Frank Fuller, 120; Henry G. 120; Jack Hichell, 120; Cleofus, 125.

Second race—five-eighths of a mile, selling—Esmer, 92; Moonlight, 98; Starling, 98; Mollie, 98; Urtah, 98; Althea, 106; Jessie Clark, 106; Coleraine, 108; Eddie R., 108; Cerebus, 111.

Third race—five-eighths of a mile—Lantia, 93; Miss Spot, 99; Celestia, 103; Naronie, 107; Hiram Argo, 107; Jack Murray, 111; Uff, 111; Woodham, 112.

Fourth race—three-quarters of a mile, selling—Estelle F., 95; Lizzie N., 96; Nequa, 100; Daveson, 100; Highwayman, 100; Ruben, 103; St. Andrew, 103; Peraltio, 103; King Solomon, 103; No Remark, 106.

Fifth race—three-quarters of a mile, selling—Cherry, 103; Sisy, 103; Sisy, 103; John Berkeley, 103; Embury, 103; The Clever, 103; Reuben Payne, 106; Leadaway, 106; John Hickley, 109; Cerebus, 109.

Sixth race—five-eighths of a mile, selling—Capt. Sinclair, 95; Trim, 95; Bessie, 95; Southern, 99; Eunice, 102; Collector, 102; St. Jim, 108; St. Pass, 110; Mamie Duffy, 112; Wrestler, 114.

Seventh race—four furlongs, pony race, collecting—Mollie, 98; St. Andrew, 103; Dickey W., Harry, 103; Kitty Snow.

## Fine Weather and Good Racing.

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—The weather was fine, but the track heavy and holding to-day. However the racing was spirited and betting lively. Summaries:

First race—selling, five furlongs—Tiffin first, Bobby Burrows second, Tramp third. Time, 1:12.

Second race—five furlongs—Bargard first, one to one, Mildred second, Mildred third. Time, 1:12.4.

Third race—six furlongs—Macell (two to one), Satinet second, Chris third. Time, 1:24.4.

Fourth race—handicap, six furlongs—Red Lobster (one to one), General Ross second, Wedgehead third. Time, 1:28.4.

Fifth race—five and a half furlongs—Rouser (seven to two), Rebuff second, Katydid third. Time, 1:23.4.

## RISMARCK'S WARNING.

He Says the Rejection of the Russian Treaty Would Mean War with the Czar.

BERLIN, March 2.—Count Von Dönhoff, Conservative Deputy for an East Prussian constituency, addressed an electoral meeting in Königsburg this evening concerning the Russo-German commercial treaty. He said that the treaty should be rejected, and that it was a matter of life and death for the German Empire. He said that the treaty was a betrayal of the German people, and that it was a betrayal of the German Empire. He said that the treaty was a betrayal of the German people, and that it was a betrayal of the German Empire.

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